February 7, 1959

Dear Sir,

With the earnest hope that this may become an established tradition among the parishes of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Catholic Clerical Union of Philadelphia will sponsor a revival of the annual Acolytes' Festival with a Solemn Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 18th in St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Streets, Philadelphia.

The preacher on this occasion will be the Rev. A. Edward Chinn, curate of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, and a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School. Organist for the service will be Mr. Wesley Day of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, with music by the men's choir of St. Mark's augmented by seminarians and others. Luncheon will be served in the parish hall immediately after the service. There will be no charge for the meal, but it is hoped that the offering received at the Eucharist will cover the expense of the luncheon.

A special invitation is extended to the many men who serve at God's altar with the younger boys. We keenly anticipate participation by all those who week by week offer themselves in the service of the sanctuary. Those attending the service will be asked to bring vestments and march in the procession.

Realizing that a great diversity of liturgical custom exists among the various parishes of the Diocese, every consideration is being made to assure a service of beauty and solemnity which is loyal to both the Prayer Book and historic Anglican tradition. This occasion is a significant witness to our Faith in a parish which is doing an effective job in a difficult neighborhood. Above all, it offers a unique opportunity for congenial fellowship among the many boys and men of the Diocese who are bound together as acolytes of the Episcopal Church.

We ask you to circle Saturday, April 18th, on your calendar and to make plans now to attend this festive service with your acolytes. Toward the end of Lent you will receive a second letter with additional details and an enclosed postcard to be returned with your reservations. We shall look forward to seeing you in April.

Faithfully yours,

THE CATHOLIC CLERICAL UNION
OF PHILADELPHIA